

## CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2015

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

**Members present:** Jenaro Centeno, Cynthia Garnholz, David LaGesse Jeanne Most, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider, and Melanie Tamsky

**Absent:** Maripat Gatter and Mark Stapleton

*Also Present:* Patty DeForrest, Wayne Dunker, Toni Siering and Denise Ucinski

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

### **Addresses from the Audience:**

There were no addresses from the audience.

Mr. Jenaro Centeno, new Clayton School Board (CSD) member, stated that CSD felt he was a good fit for the Commission because he has a sports background. Also, Mr. Centeno coached his three children from elementary through middle school, and he started a feeder Lacrosse program for elementary and middle school children.

### **Project Updates:** (see project list for additional information)

Eric Schneider asked if we have added a drinking fountain to the plan for the Newman Green. Patty indicated that she intended to.

Nearly \$10,000,000 has been spent on implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was adopted in 2007. Much of this has been through the use of grants and donations; while the City has funded projects through their capital budget. Ms. DeForrest stated that amazing progress has been made on many projects over the past eight years. In general, Master plans are intended to cover ten to fifteen years; therefore it would make sense to do a new master plan in five to seven years.

Ms. DeForrest reviewed the list of projects that remain on the list with the Commission. The project list includes: master plan and infrastructure projects, as well, as one new project. Taylor, DeMun and Shaw Park playgrounds are scheduled to be replaced. The Taylor Park playground plans have begun and will continue throughout the year. Ms. Siering is the lead for this project; she will apply for a grant in October. If the grant is secured, this project could be completed by summer of 2016. Taylor Park playground survey results were discussed. A comfort station is being considered for DeMun Park. A pavilion in Oak Knoll Park is a master plan recommendation; this potential project will be discussed in the future.

The majority of the Hanley House projects have been completed. Some of the projects were grant funded and others were funded through CCF. Installation of a fire suppression system at Hanley House and interior renovations are the final projects; Ms. Umlauf is looking into grants to assist with funding the suppression system.

Oak Knoll Park projects include: renovations at the pond, upgrades to the shelter and restrooms and potential removal of the retaining wall. City of Clayton engineers think the wall should be removed. This could free some additional parking as well as enhance the entrance to the park.

Shaw Park projects include: possible Shaw Park Aquatic Center heating/cooling system, connector to Clayshire Park, Fields 5 & 6 rebuild, Shaw Park North – Chapman Plaza, rink replacement, sports complex renovations, Shaw Park Tennis Center lighting and aquatic center west side shade structure.

**Shaw Park North:** Ms. DeForrest discussed the pledge agreement submitted by Bob Chapman and the Barry Wehmiller Group requesting Shaw Park North be named Chapman Plaza. A copy of the pledge was provided to the Commission showing a revision made at the end of April. Ms. DeForrest explained the City of Clayton's naming process, and detailed information about the Shaw Park North donation. Mr. Chapman donated \$4,500,000 for the design and completion of the project; the donation also includes \$2,500,000 towards the ongoing maintenance for the park. .

The Commission discussed the naming application and its clauses. Ms. Patel made a motion stating the Parks and Recreation Commission moved to approve naming Shaw Park North, Chapman Plaza. Mr. LaGessee seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Park Needs Analysis Study:** The ground work for the park needs analysis study is being conducted. Ms. DeForrest explained that Planning Design Studio will facilitate stakeholders meetings with different groups in June. The meeting for residents will take place prior to Commission meeting on June 1. An email blast will be sent to Clayton residents notifying them of the upcoming public meeting. The consultants will be here on June 1<sup>st</sup> to talk to the Commission members at their regular meeting time of 7:00 p.m.

**Director's Report:**

The MSD easement at Oak Knoll Park will be presented to the BOA soon; they are hoping to begin work this summer. MSD is using the design the City and residents requested.

The Newman Green project will go out to bid in June. The Hanley House plaster repair and wallpapering project is complete. On May 16 there is a community picnic being held at Hanley Park from 11:00am-1:00 pm.

The grate replacement and caulking projects at Shaw Park Aquatic Center were completed this month. Parks and Recreation staff is preparing the pool for opening day, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Shaw Park Tennis Center opened for the season on May 1. Ms. DeForrest also reported that the fencing issue at the tennis center has been resolved.

The new playground behind the Clayton Early Childhood Center is very nice. On May 11 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony.

New trees having been planted in the parks and the beds have been mulched. Eighty-percent of weekend dates are reserved at the park pavilions. Staff is getting ready for SummerQuest and Food Truck Sundays.

**Old Business / New Business:**

The "One of Us" Elephant sculpture is coming to Shaw Park. It will be installed near the Tree Top Playground. An agreement with the Gateway Community Foundation is currently being developed. The sculpture is ready to be installed, funding is in place; however they are still working out insurance concerns and a maintenance plan. It is anticipated that it will be installed sometime in June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski